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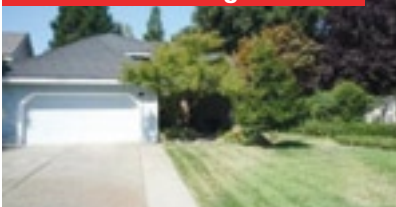
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# Locals share memories of Sacramento's Edmonds Field and the Solons

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When longtime Sacramentans reminisce about landmarks of the area, certainly the Alhambra and the Tower theaters come to mind. But around this time of year, many locals begin to think about the old ballpark, which was located at Riverside Boulevard and Broadway.

## Glory days

This old stadium was for many years home to the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League. However, at various times, the team, as well as the stadium, underwent name changes.

Long gone are the sounds of cheering crowds, cracks of bats connecting with fastballs and the thumps of hardballs hitting players' gloves at this historic location.

On the site of what was once a playing field, stands for the fans and other features of the stadium is a large parking lot and a Target store.

Unfortunately for the sake of local baseball memories, the scene at this location does little to remind anyone of these glory days of Sacramento.

As a respectable and noble tribute, yet in many ways a sort of dim consolation prize, is a marker with a plaque near the northwest corner of the parking lot.

The inscription on the plaque reads: "Edmonds Field, 1910-1960: This was the site of home plate at Edmonds Field, home of the Pacific Coast League's Sacramento Solons baseball team for fifty years. More than 4,200 games were played here over those years and Solons fans set several PCL attendance records. The Solons won the pennant in 1942. Their fans were some of the



Pocket News photo, Lance Armstrong

**BASEBALL LORE OF YORE.** Longtime Sacramentans, left to right, Wesley Silva, Henry Torres, Joe Duarte and Norman Greenslate, recently shared their memories about baseball games played at Riverside Boulevard and Broadway.

best in all of baseball. Dedicated July 26, 1998. Sponsored by Play Ball! Sacramento."

Historic photographs and memories of longtime locals indicate that the marker does not actually designate the precise site of home plate.

Another plaque commemorating the ball park is inside the Target store, near the exit. Shoppers pass by daily with nary a glance.

But such information is merely trivial when considering the value of displaying information regarding the old stadium.

The brick marker serves as a reminder for those who were familiar with the old stadium.

But in some ways even more valuable is the fact that this tribute presents the opportunity for those who were either born too late or moved to Sacramento in latter years to become somewhat familiar with the stadium's history.

## History hidden

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# St. Elizabeth Parish has longtime connection to Riverside-Pocket Portuguese

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The historical St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church building at 1817 12th Street has been a part of the Sacramento community for nearly a century. And throughout the existence of the church, many residents of the Riverside-Pocket area have been members of this parish.

Prior to St. Elizabeth's founding, many Portuguese in the Riverside-Pocket area attended Masses and other religious services at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 11th and K streets, St. Rose Parish at 7th and K streets and St. Stephen Parish at 3rd and O streets.

## Parish established in 1909

The beginnings of the St. Elizabeth parish date back to early 1909, when Bishop Thomas Grace was petitioned by the Portuguese community to establish a church to meet

their needs for the conducting of Portuguese services, as well as other traditions.

These traditions mainly included the annual Festa do Espirito Santo (Holy Ghost Festival).

Soon after the request was made for a new parish, property was acquired and plans were completed for the construction of what would become the St. Elizabeth church or "Igreja de Santa Isabel" to its early members. The name of the church was selected in honor of the beloved 13th century queen of Portugal.

Plans for the church were made at Manuel S. Williams' grocery store at 1630 11th Street and the property for the church was donated by Manuel and his wife.

## Early reinforced concrete structure

The church, which was one of the first reinforced concrete buildings constructed in the capital city, was designed by

Frank Shea and John Lofquist of San Francisco.

Shea and Lofquist designed the building to resemble the 15th century Igreja de São João Baptista (Church of St. John the Baptist) in the island of Terceira in the Azores Islands of Portugal.

Selected to construct the building was the well-known Sacramento building contractor Charles A. Vanina, who resided at 2022 M Street (now Capitol Avenue).

## Parish beginnings

During the time that the church was being built, the parish was already in existence.

The parish began at St. Stephen Parish with the October 24, 1909 baptism of a Portuguese child named Joseph Viegas.

## First priest

St. Elizabeth's first pastor was Father Joao (John) Vieira Azevedo, who was born in the Azorean island of Pico on Nov. 25, 1880.

When he was 21 years old, Azevedo came to California to finish his studies for the priesthood.

After being ordained two years later, he completed assignments in Yreka, Fort Jones and Sutter Creek.

Azevedo was later assigned to Sacramento to establish the St. Elizabeth parish.

On May 10, 1948, Azevedo was bestowed the title of monsignor by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong.

Although he appeared stern and was recognized as being strict in the discipline of the children who he tutored, Azevedo was very well liked and respected by all members of his congregation. He remained active as the church's pastor until June 1955.

In addition to assisting in the planning process for the church, Azevedo was involved in the dedication of the church on Feb. 2, 1913. Aze-



Photo courtesy, PHCS

COMMUNITY HUB. St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church, shown on its dedication day on Feb. 2, 1913, has played an important roll in the lives of many Riverside-Pocket area residents. This church was named after the beloved queen of Portugal.

vedo presided over the dedication with Bishop Grace.

## An active dedication day

On the day of the dedication services, the first wedding at the church was also held, as Joseph Valine and Rosa Neves were married inside the new structure.

Also occurring at the church on the same day was the church's first baptism, that of Mary Alvernaz.

## Basement features

Several years after the church was constructed, various features were added in the church's basement.

Among these features were a community center – known as the "social hall," where plays and other entertainment were presented – a kitchen and a unisex bathroom.

Also in the basement was a stage, which was initiated by Azevedo to accommodate his first communion and confirmation classes.

## Second pastor

Two years following Azevedo's service as the church's pastor, Father Valdemiro Machado Fagundes, whose secondary education had been financed by Azevedo, became the church's second pastor.

Fagundes' experience leading up to his years as

the church's pastor included serving as St. Elizabeth's associate pastor from 1951 to 1955 and the church's administrator from 1955 to 1957.

A sad moment in the church's history occurred on the morning of Tuesday, April 2, 1957, when Azevedo passed away.

Fagundes, who was born in the island of Terceira in the Azores Islands, had a much different appearance than Azevedo.

His youthful looks, which were enhanced by his crew cut haircut, high energy and young behavior caused parishioners to initially question his readiness to become the church's pastor.

As Fagundes matured, he gained the respect of the parishioners, and his willingness to intervene in their welfare and financial problems endeared him to his congregation.

Fagundes, who was also appointed monsignor, retired as the church's pastor on January 1, 1985.

A retirement party for Fagundes, who passed away on Sept. 26, 1996, was held at the Elk Grove S.E.S. (Sociedade do Espirito Santo or Holy Ghost Society) Hall on Jan. 13, 1985. The

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# Parish: Church building will celebrate 100 years next February

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event was chaired by Al Balshor of Balshor Florist.

## Subsequent pastors

St. Elizabeth's next pastor was Jose F. Ribeiro – of the Society of Jesus – who served the church from 1985 to 1991.

Ribeiro, who was born in Penude Lamego, Beira Alta, Portugal on Sept. 15, 1935, had previously served in Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

Following Ribeiro as St. Elizabeth's pastor was Eduino T. Silveira, who served the congregation from 1993 to 2005.

For two years prior to his pastorship at St. Elizabeth, Silveira, who was born in Fénais da Luz in the Azorean island of Sao Miguel on Aug. 10, 1955, served as the church's administrator.

Januarius Rodrigues, a retired pastor who was born in India and speaks fluent Portuguese, became the church's temporary pastor on Feb. 24, 2005.

On following July 1, Rodrigues was replaced by three fathers – Giancarlo Mittempergher, Antonio Luiz Madeiros and Edwin E. Limpido – from the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata.

Presently, Mittempergher, who is St. Elizabeth's first non-Portuguese pastor, and Madeiros serve as the pastors for both the St. Elizabeth parish and the Holy Cross parish in West Sacramento.

## Recognized landmark

An important moment in St. Elizabeth's history occurred on Feb. 18, 1983, when the church was designated as a "Point of Historical Interest" by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

A bronze plaque recognizing this designation is located on the west tower of the church, near the edge of the stairway leading into the church.

Today, St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church is recognized as the oldest Portuguese national church west of New England.



Photo courtesy, PHCS  
A GRAND FESTA. Parishioners of various ages gather in front of the church on its dedication day in 1913.

The designation of a Portuguese national church is rare, as altogether there are only three of these churches throughout the United States.

The Catholic Church infrequently grants this designation for churches in certain areas with large ethnic populations.

A centennial for the parish, which included a Mass

with Bishop Jaime Soto and a candlelight procession, dinner and dancing at the Portuguese Hall in the Pocket area, was held on October 10 and 11, 2009.

Many people associated with the church are hopeful that a centennial celebration honoring the dedication of the church will be held next February.

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# California Middle School receives generous gift for students

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California Middle School was the recipient of a generous gift over the winter holidays.

While students and staff had two weeks off, the boy's gym locker room received a \$13,000 face-lift in honor of John Peyton Spurlock, who attended Cal Middle School in 1952.

It has been twenty years since John Spurlock passed away and his children; Katie, Bob and Dave wanted to remember their father's warm and generous spirit with a gift to the school. John's two grandsons also attended Cal Middle School.

"My dad was not enthusiastic academical-

ly but was passionate about sports, particularly baseball," Katie Spurlock said. "He thought there was nothing better than the experience of being on a team where everybody encouraged each other to do their best and have fun."

Bob said the idea of the gift came up in a discussion last October – the 20th anniversary of their father's passing. They all agreed their dad took great joy in being around young people and their activities. As they discussed the idea of a gift, Bob said certain things bubbled up immediately.

"Our dad was generous, giving, liked kids, really rooted for them," Bob said. "If he knew



CAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Athletic Director David Carson with the school's new lockers. The boy's locker room in the school gym had not been refurbished for over 50 years.

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# Cal Middle: Lockers a gift in memory of John Spurlock, Cal Middle alumnus

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you, he was rooting for you."

Dave remembers his dad helping a friend out who was a student at UC Davis and needed money. John gave the money to Dave's friend and didn't want to be paid back, he was happy he could help. Dave said his dad always took pleasure in the success of others.

"I made a personal decision to be more like my father to keep his spirit alive," Dave said. "We all wanted to honor our dad with a permanent gift."

John Spurlock grew up in Land Park on 10th Avenue. His parents were long-term Land Park residents who had their home built in 1940 and they remained there until 1989. John attended Cal Middle School and McClatchy High School. He played baseball while attending UC Davis and went on to receive an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Bob said after he and his siblings decided they wanted to donate money to Cal Middle School he discussed how the money should be spent with Principal Elizabeth Vigil.

Vigil said when she was told the Spurlock family wanted to honor their father with a gift to the

school; she thought it would be nice to have something permanent put in place.

"The boy's locker room was in horrible disrepair," Vigil said. "I thought this would be a good way to honor him."

Athletic Director David Carson said the locker room had not been renovated in over 50 years. The lockers were rusty and broken. The kids would change their clothes and then take everything with them outside during P.E. because they had nowhere safe to store them. The school hired a contractor who worked with Bob to better organize the placement of the lockers. The renovation included removing half the old lockers and replacing them with brand new lockers, and repairing and painting the other half. Cal Middle School now has 124 new dress lockers, 114 new box lockers and 280 refurbished box lockers.

Carson said the students appreciate that there are enough dress lockers for each student to use during P.E. to safely store their clothes and personal belongings such as cell-phones and wallets.

"This gift is exactly what we needed," Carson said. "It came at the right time."



NEW LOCKERS adorn the boys' gym locker room at California Middle School. The lockers were donated in memory of late Land Park resident John Peyton Spurlock. Students can now store their items safely.

Pocket News photo, Stuart King

The goal for the Spurlock family was to provide a gift that benefits the students, so renovating the lockers made sense and in keeping with their father's spirit.

The Spurlock family is having a plaque placed near the entrance of the doorway to the boy's gym. In their father's memory it states:

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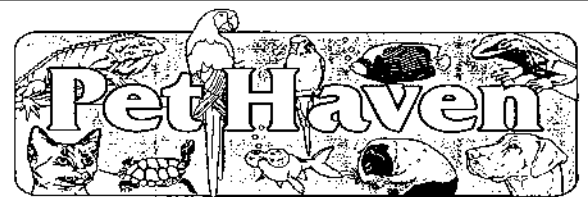
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Leaving a legacy:

# St. Francis' first president to retire after 11 years of service

By CORRIE PELC  
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After 11 years of service, St. Francis High School's first-ever president, Marion Bishop, will retire on May 31, leaving behind a legacy that includes a capital campaign, technology, campus ministry, and a growth spurt in student population.

## The 'President-Principal Model'

In 2001 Bishop, who at the time was working in the Catholic Schools Department for the Diocese of Sacramento, was appointed president of St. Francis High School to bring the president-principal model to St. Francis that other Catholic schools in the area were already using. This model calls for a principal to handle the academics of the school and a president to handle the business side of the school, including fund raising.

"Research had indicated that when a high school reaches an enrollment of 600 or more students that it really becomes impossible for a single administrator to take care of all the acad-

emic concerns of the campus, as well as all the business," Bishop recalled. "St. Francis was at the threshold of that 600 students and it was time to move in to this new model. I just happened to be first in line to be hired to implement the new model."

St. Francis' current principal, Patrick O'Neill (who has been principal for three years and was assistant principal for two years before that), said the president-principal model that Bishop initiated was instrumental in the growth of St. Francis' student body from 600 to now 1,100 students. Having this model allows him to effectively concentrate on the academics of the school, while having a compatriot handling the business side.

"Marion and I have clicked from Day One," O'Neill said. "We see things the same way and she's been outstanding to work for."

## Making improvements

As part of her role as president, Bishop played an integral role in the improvements made to the St. Francis campus over



Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School

TWO BISHOPS. St. Francis High School President Marion Bishop, left, with Sacramento Bishop Jaime Soto on the campus of St. Francis High School. She will retire from the diocesan high school at the end of the month.

the years. For instance, when she first arrived in 2001, the school was beginning the first phase of a capital campaign to expand the campus.

"I was really privileged not only to be part of that capital campaign to raise monies to improve the campus and expand it, but also I oriented the expansion itself," Bishop said. For example, she played a pivotal role in the development of the school's cur-

rent Performing Arts Center and gymnasium.

Throughout her 11 years Bishop continued to make improvements to St. Francis.

"She listened to the student body and what was going on in the education world, and then would be strategic in trying to weave that into the direction of the school, whether it be technology, safety or the green movement," explained Shannon Ter-

wedo, past St. Francis High School Board member whose daughter graduated from the school in 2007.

Past Board member Helen Pierson – whose two daughters graduated from St. Francis in 2000 and she herself graduated from the school in 1974 – said Bishop always had St. Francis' best interest in mind in all the decisions she made and that she was someone who could see what was important for the school.

"It's a challenge to have an all-girl high school and keep it running – a lot of different schools have had to go different ways and unfortunately some even had to close," Pierson explained. "St. Francis has been very fortunate because of the leadership that has enabled it to stay above the water and keep itself as a place where young ladies want to go. It's a great school and she's been at the helm for many years and I think it's because of that."

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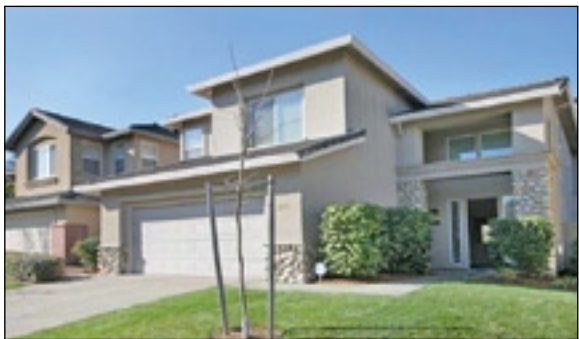
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# Dan Carmazzi appointed to athletic leadership at Christian Brothers High School

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He has extensive experience in the coaching arena. For more than three decades,

Carmazzi was a member of the Social Studies and Physical Education departments at Jesuit High School, as well as that high school's head football coach.

"Dan has dedicated most of his professional life to Jesuit, and we are grateful for his service to our Jesuit High School community and his

efforts with our student-athletes," said Jesuit High School principal Brianna Latko.

A 1971 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, Carmazzi started his coaching career at his alma mater before going to Jesuit as an assistant football coach in 1977. He assumed the duties of head football coach in 1981,

and went on to earn an overall record of 230-102-3.

Carmazzi was selected as the CIF State Model Coach of the Year in 2004 and helped develop three NFL quarterbacks: Ken O'Brien, Gio Carmazzi and J.T. O'Sullivan. During his tenure, the Marauders reached the City Championship five times and

won two CIF Sac-Joquin Section Championships and nine league titles. Carmazzi also excelled as a teacher in the classroom.

"We wish Dan well as he returns to his alma mater to finish his career," said Chris Fahey, director of athletics at Jesuit High School. "It was our expectation that Dan would return as our head football coach next year, so his decision came as a surprise. But we understand Coach Carmazzi's reasons for seeking new challenges and we respect the decision he has made."

"We are pleased to have Dan join the CB community. He brings a wealth of coaching knowledge and teaching experience with him," said Christian Brothers President Lorcan Barnes. "We look forward to continuing to build our athletic program in the years ahead. Bringing Dan on board is an investment in excellence that will serve our students well for years to come."

"I would like to thank Lorcan Barnes and Mary Hesser for extending to me the opportunity to return to Christian Brothers," Carmazzi said. "I will always have tremendous respect for, and be grateful to, the Jesuit High School community for educating my sons and giving me the opportunity to teach and coach these past 35 years. But, a part of me has always wanted to return to Christian Brothers. Christian Brothers provided me with an excellent education and athletic experience under the guidance of such outstanding teacher coaches as Dick Sperbeck, Ron Limeberger, Jack Witry, Dave Hoskins, Mel Fontes, John Zupan and Ralph Villanueva. This is a good time for me personally to make this transition and affords me the opportunity to give back to the school."

Carmazzi will join Jill Bennett, CB's athletic director for the past nine years.

"I am really looking forward to returning to CB blue and working with Jill Bennett to lead the athletic program," Carmazzi said. "I'm excited and optimistic about the future direction of Falcon athletics."



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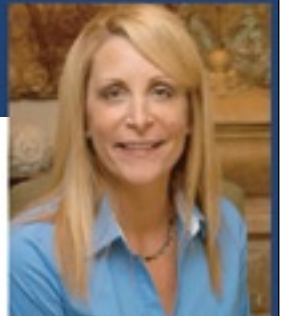
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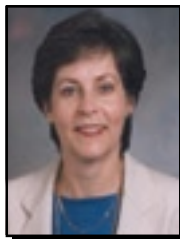
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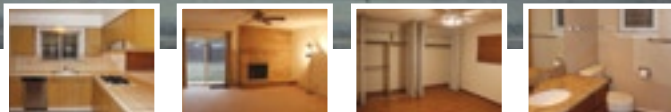
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## Janey Way Memories:

# Remembering my father's garden



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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Last week, I planted my summer garden.

I started by digging up the soil in my raised bed. Then, I hoed the dirt, raked it, poured manure on it and then raked it again.

After watering the plot, I planted tomatoes, squash, green beans, green peppers and lettuce.

Doing this brought back memories of father's vegetable garden.

One day, back in the late 1950s, my dad came home from a rough day at work and said, "This year I will plant a summer vegetable garden, like my father did."

Sure enough, that weekend, Dad began to dig in the back yard.

Soon, he had dug up almost one third of the yard.

After digging, he hoed the soil until it had a nice even texture, then he amended it with fertilizer. Finally, he raked the soil into neat rows with watering channels in between, and planted different vegetables in each row: tomatoes, green beans, squash, cucumbers, radishes and lettuce.

We were skeptical.

After all, don't they sell all these things in the store.

But, within a few weeks, the little plants began rising from the soil. It seemed like a miracle.

By summertime, a full-fledged vegetable garden filled the back part of our yard.

Dad had done it: grown a garden just like his step father, Rosario Petta did in his big side yard.

During the great depression, Rosario had fed his big family with the vegetables he grew in his yard. Now Dad would feed us with the bounty harvested from his plot.

We grew to love the produce harvested from Dad's garden: the fresh green lettuce, the sautéed squash, the tender green beans and crisp cucumbers. Vegetables grown in our own garden did, indeed, taste much better than those from the store.

Dad even cooked up fresh tomato sauce for spaghetti, just like Grandma Petta made.

Growing his own summer garden did more for Dad than just provide food for the table. It relieved the stress from his job, and gave him a connection to the earth. He worked in that garden right up until the day he died.

Now, as I plant my summer vegetables, I think of Dad and the wonderful things he grew. I hope that someday my daughter will grow vegetables in her own garden. She is already a wonderful cook.

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# Baseball: Plaque commemorates the Solons winning the pennant in 1942

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place that many seniors grew up with during their childhoods.

## Longtime fans

An example of a group of longtime baseball fans with connections to the old stadium and its ballgames was found just north of the Tower Theatre at the Flame Club at 16th and V streets last week.

Sitting together discussing their memories of games at the stadium were Norman Greenslate, Joe Duarte, Henry Torres and Wesley Silva.

## Roof shagger's tale

Like many longtime Sacramentans, Greenslate played baseball in local leagues dur-

ing his youth and was a fan of the city's PCL team.

But unlike many youth of the time, he was paid to attend the games.

"In 1937, after I got my Social Security card, I began working there (at the stadium shagging balls on the roof)," Greenslate said. "We used to get a buck a night and a buck and a half on Sundays. We got paid every two weeks. We got \$13. And Ronnie King (who later became a Major League Baseball scout) started working there a little bit after me. He was on the right hand side and I was on the left hand side. So, the ball goes up on the roof and if it didn't bounce over (the roof), I would go up the

stairway and get the ball and come down (the stairs). Then they had a little shoot right by the hot dog stand and I'd drop the ball down the shoot and it come out at the bottom where the ball boys were."

Although Greenslate does not know the names of the ball boys at that time, he said that "Smity" and "Shorty" were among the field's groundskeepers.

Duarte said Horace Smith was the birth name of "Smity."

In recalling a particular memory about Smity, Greenslate chuckled and said, "He thought I stole a ball once and so that night he fired me. The next day, he came over to my house and hired me back."

After the games, Greenslate, King and ushers would collect and stack up the seat cushions that had been rented out for 10 cents per cushion.

In exchange for that job, Greenslate and King were allowed to eat leftover hot dogs.

"Those were good hot dogs and they had good, good mustard," Greenslate recalled. "The closest mustard I found since is Morehouse (mustard)."

Greenslate shagged the balls off the roof for about two years.

During a telephone interview held later in the day, King said that he worked at the stadium from 1937 to 1946, first as ball shagger, then as a batboy, then as a scoreboard operator and lastly he worked in the clubhouse.

way. Two runs scored and (the Solons) lost the game."

## Tough ticket

Henry, 91, who was raised by his parents Jesus and Lupe Torres at 806 Q St., said that although he could not afford to go to baseball games, he discovered that balls that were hit outside the stadium were basically as good as a ticket.

"If you wanted to go to a game (for free), you had to stand outside and wait for a ball to come out over the fence," Henry said. "I only did that once or twice and then I got tired."

## School memories

While living off 35th Avenue, Silva attended a Solons game with some of the students from the old Sutter Union School, where Cabrillo Civic Club #5 now operates.

Adding to his excitement of attending the game was the satisfaction he felt when the Solons won the game.

## Highs, lows

Of course, there was no greater victory for the Solons than their final game in 1942, when they won the PCL championship.

But as high as fans felt at that moment, they felt at least equally as low six years later when the stadium was destroyed by fire.

Fortunately for the Solons and their fans, the stadium was rebuilt and the team eventually returned to playing at the site.

## The game goes on

Although the days of baseball at Riverside Boulevard and Broadway are long gone, minor league baseball is alive today with the PCL's Sacramento River Cats.

## Memorable moment

After listening to Greenslate's ball shagging stories, with a smile, Duarte said, "I was just a fan. I was a (ball shagger) out there just in the stands. They didn't trust me up there on the roof."

Duarte said that one of his dominant memories of the stadium was the night Marino "Chick" Pieretti (1920-1981) threw a ball over the grandstand.

"The Solons were ahead and Pieretti was pitching and some guy got a base hit to right field and one run scored and there was still a couple of guys on," Duarte recalled. "The ball came back in and they threw it over to Pieretti. There was no time out yet and (Pieretti) looked up and here comes the manager. He saw the manager coming out to get him and he took the ball and he threw it over the third base stands onto Broad-

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# Over the Hill Gang loves sports, enjoys good times, reminiscing

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Among the capital city's social/service clubs is the uniquely named Over the Hill Gang. But don't let the name fool you. This is one lively bunch.

Certainly, despite this all-men's group's name, its members are never too old for fun times.

## A foundation of fun

The foundation of the club, in fact, was laid in the name of fun.

The Over the Hill Gang was established a quarter century ago by a group of Sacramento men who knew a lot about having fun and shared a common interest in sports.

Larry Gunst, who is the youngest surviving member of the group, recently shared his memories about how the organization was formed.

"Gene Sullivan was a customer of mine, who was referred to me by Bobby Rehm, who was an old Stockton Ports (California League baseball) player," Gunst said. "Sullivan had someone at his house (at 2751 12th St.) every day. I would stop by about twice a week. I loved to hear their stories."

## 'Español' beginnings

Gunst added that Sullivan eventually called him on the telephone and invited him to a luncheon, which was to be held on Dec. 10, 1985 at the Español Restaurant on Folsom Boulevard in East Sacramento.

"(Sullivan) asked me to bring a couple of wines for advertising," Gunst recalled. "He would also pass out my business cards. He was a very generous man. A hundred and four (people) showed up at that gathering."

Gunst recognizes the luncheon at the Español Restaurant as the event that led to the official establishment of the Over the Hill Gang.

"The party at the Español was the beginning of the real thing," Gunst said. "About March of 1986 at Sullivan's house, we discussed making Over the Hill Gang a real club, and we would start selling annual memberships. I remember most members wanted \$6 for the dues. I said, 'If we charge \$10, there would be less trouble with change.'"

So, upon Gunst's recommendation, the initial, annual cost to be a member of the club was \$10. Today's annual membership cost is \$15.

## Early members

The first continuously active members of the "gang" were Sullivan, Charles "Babe" Anderson, Del

Silva, Frank Nugent, Billy Rico, Sonny Valine, John Rakela and Lou Brusato.

The earliest occasionally attending members of the club included Gunst, Bill Conlin, John Giannoni, Elmer Enos, Bernie Bernard, Woody Scott, Elton "Lefty" Rogers, Vic Zito, Les Lollis, Carlo Dallosta and Ronnie King.

Sullivan served as the club's first president, Nugent was the original treasurer and Rakela was the first secretary.

## Regular meetings

As an official group, the "gang" began meeting on a monthly basis, mostly at the Golden Tee across from the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, but also at The Distillery, the Palomino Room, Joe Marty's and the Hereford House. Occasional mid-week gatherings were also held at the Sheldon Inn on Grant Line Road and Glenn Dufour's Broken Arrow Inn in Rocklin.

The club has been meeting monthly at the Dante Club at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. since the early 1990s.

Some of the members of the group also enjoy spending time visiting with fellow member, Sam Kanelos at Old Ironsides, which is owned by some of the members of the Sam Kanelos family.

## Mostly baseball today

In general, the "gang" has evolved from an all-sports club, which included Dallosta, John Giannoni and Milt Cupish, who were involved in football, and soccer player Harry Slaughter, to mainly a baseball club.

A May 12, 1988 article in *The Sacramento Bee* notes that the roots of the group date back to 1946, "if not to Sister Inez's first grade class at St. Francis school, where 'gang' president Gene Sullivan and treasurer Frank Nugent were classmates in 1922."

The 1946 reference refers to when Sullivan, Nugent and other former local athletes began meeting every Friday at the Commercial Hotel at 231 I Street, near the Southern Pacific depot.

## Fast friendships

It should come as no surprise that the group has deep roots, considering that its earliest members were simply men who grew up in the capital city, played local sports and attended area high schools. As a result, many of the members were friends long before the establishment of the "gang."

Gunst, who will turn 74 in July, said that when he joined the "gang"



THEY STILL LOVE THE GAME. Shown left to right, Sam Kanelos, Harry Dunlop, Larry Gunst and Ronnie King are among the longtime members of the Over the Hill Gang.

as its seventh member, he was the youngest member of the group.

Besides Gunst, Rico is the organization's only other original founding member.

Rico, 89, said that he has fond memories of the early years of the Over the Hill Gang.

"I was one of the original guys," Rico said. "We really had a good group when we started off. Gene Sullivan was one of the original guys and we used to meet at his house all the time. He was a nice guy. He went to St. Mary's College and he went to Christian Brothers (High School). Most of the guys (at the time) were Catholic and Christian Brothers guys."

## A place to share

For Rico, who was a successful local baseball player in the Sacramento area for three decades, the group presents an inviting environment for him to share and listen to baseball stories.

Rico's most notable accomplishment in baseball was managing and playing for the Carmichael Firemen baseball team, which won the first Canadian-American "World's Series" for Non-Professional Baseball in 1946.

Harry Dunlop is another member of the group who has plenty of baseball memories to share with the "gang."

Altogether, he spent 50 years in the game as a player and coach. This experience included working as a Major League Baseball coach.

Dunlop said that among the many highlights of his career was catching three no-hitters in 14 days in the Appalachian League in 1952.

When asked about the group, Dunlop showed off his sense of humor, saying, "Whenever I've been around, I've always gone to the Over the Hill

Gang. We meet down at the Dante Club and we tell each other a bunch of lies."

Like Donlop, during part of his membership in the "gang," King was not always able to attend meetings of the group on a regular basis due to his baseball commitments.

King played semi-pro baseball and is a former Major League Baseball scout, who signed many notable players, including Steve Sax and Bob Oliver.

## Giving back

As a service club, the Over the Hill Gang originally raised funds and made donations to the Stanford Home for Children.

The group has also donated to the Shriners' Burn Center, the Sacramento Food Bank and St. Patrick's Home for Children.

The Over the Hill Gang encourages any man with an interest in sports and socializing to visit with the group on any third Thursday at the Dante Club.

The Thursday luncheons feature different guest speakers. Speakers of the past have included former Major League Baseball players Don Larson, Dusty Baker, Greg Vaughn and Ricky Jordan, former National Football League players Danny Bunz and Skip Vanderbundt, and professional referees and umpires.

Arrangements for speaking engagements are generally made by Jim Jorgensen.

The group also holds annual picnics, which have been hosted at the trap shoot at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, St. Joseph Church in Clarksburg and at the Dante Club.

For additional information regarding the Over the Hill Gang, call (916) 419-4406.



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**FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN.** Capital campaigns and fundraisers are hard work, but St. Francis President Marion Bishop always led the way with a faithful and encouraging heart.



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**HONORED BOARD MEMBER.** As President of St. Francis High School, Marion Bishop worked closely with Sacramento Bishop Jamie Soto and the Board of St. Francis High School. Board members acknowledge her pivotal role in the expansion of the school campus.

## Legacy: Marion Bishop led St. Francis High through significant years of growth

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her tenure at St. Francis was in the school's Campus Ministry Department.

"Under Marion's leadership, she's put a lot of work, emphasis and resources into building up our program so we have more of a holistic approach to ministry, to where it's not just prayers and retreats, but also service and faith community life," explained Director of Cam-

pus Ministry Linda Norman.

As part of the Campus Ministry Department, Bishop said one of her proudest accomplishments is the establishment of an integrated retreat program where each year's class has their own retreat, culminating with a senior retreat (called Kairos) their final year.

"This for many of our girls is a life-changing four-

day student-lead retreat experience," Bishop explained. "It has been the single-most item that our graduating seniors comment on as their most significant moment at St. Francis, and so I'm very proud of that because I think it speaks to the whole person, the whole student, and what she's taking with her when she leaves here. That's one program I'm very, very proud of."

Additionally, Bishop began a mother-daughter retreat program in 2003, which Terwedo attended with her daughter. Terwedo recalled Bishop attending this retreat and talking to the mothers and daughters about her own experiences.

"She shared her personal journey with her daughter and as a daughter herself – the good, the bad, the challenges of dealing with a daughter in in the teenage years," she recalled. "She just took off the mantle of being president and put on the mantle of being a woman that was both a daughter and a mother."

### 'A huge heart'

Now on the eve of her retirement, Bishop is excited for the Disney cruise she, her husband of 42 years, and family will be taking, and then

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**–Marion Bishop,**  
President, St. Francis High School

occupying her time with gardening, playing and praying.

"I do feel like I have another life in me somewhere," she said. "I still feel very young although I'm at retirement age. I feel like there's something else there and I've been praying a lot about what that is and how it's going to express itself."

Although she is looking forward to her retirement, Bishop said she will greatly miss the

students and staff at St. Francis and that she hopes the school continues to grow and prepare the young women that attend to serve the greater community.

"When I came here, I hoped that I would really bring the school 'heart' and I think that I have done that and I'm very proud of that," Bishop said. "I think the school has a huge heart and it shows itself in many, many ways."

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Faces and places

# Volunteers lead canal, trail cleanup

Story by ELIZABETH VALENTE  
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Photos by Stephen Crowley

In honor of National Park Week and Earth Day, a small army of community volunteers led a day of clean and tidy up of the Pocket-Greenhaven Canal Parkway and trail. On April 21, a day before Earth Day, several dozen volunteers, armed with sturdy shoes, work gloves, buckets, and rakes, met at Portuguese Community Park, located on Durfee Way.

"We had a good range of people, very diverse, come out and help clean up the walking trail around the canal," said event organizer and Pocket-Greenhaven resident Araceli Mercado. She was appointed by Councilman Darrel Fong as District 7 Sacramento City Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

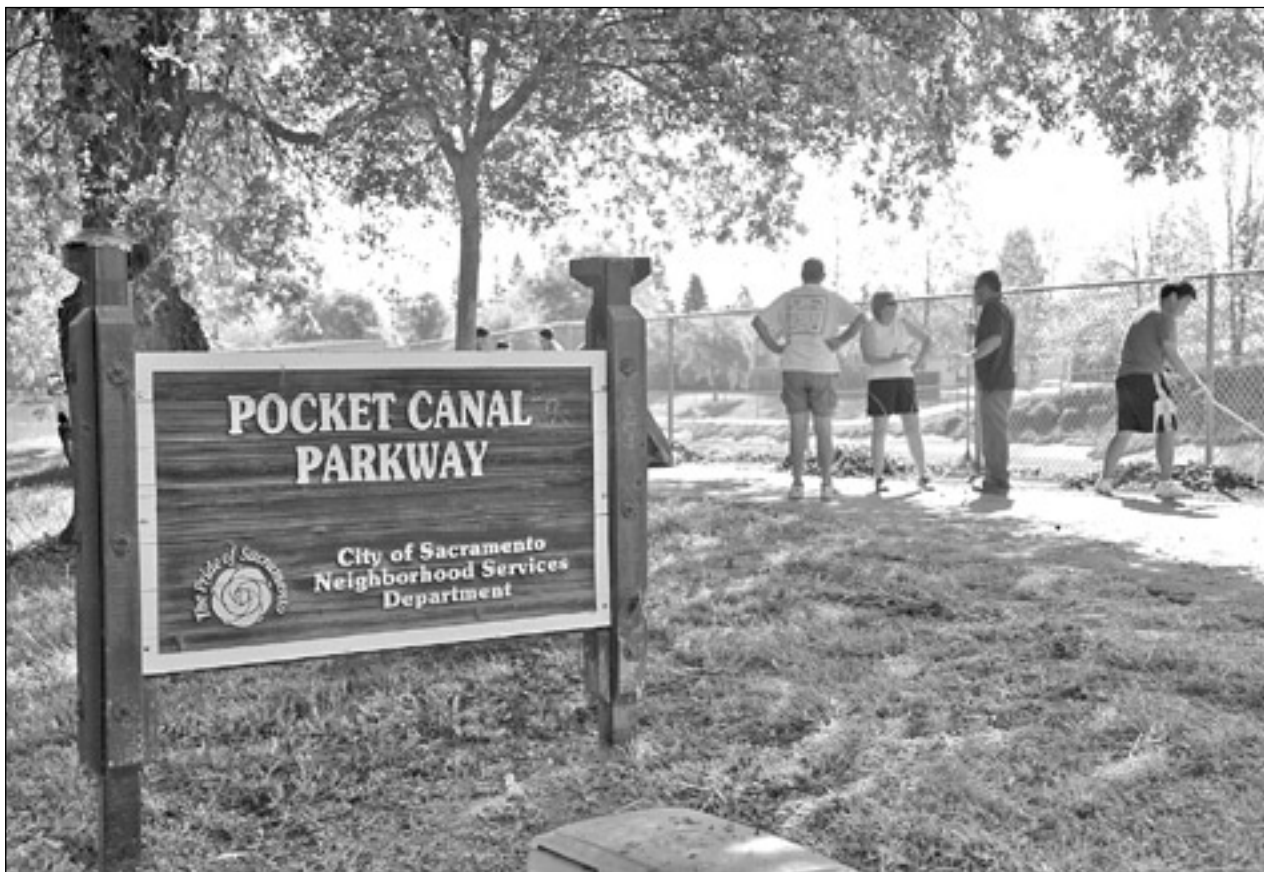
"Because of budget constraints, we wanted the local community to feel a sense of ownership in their local canal and events like this provide a great opportunity for people to find out how to get more involved," explained Mercado.

Volunteers picked up several bags of garden debris and litter from the walking trail. The Pocket Canal Parkway follows the canals from bridge at Pocket Road, extending deep into the Pocket area. The motivated group pulled out garbage such as plastic debris that does not leave the environment and cut back tree limbs from the popular stretch of the canal.

City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation provided the volunteers with gardening tools, trailers and garbage cans. City workers filled two trailer bins with brush debris and tree limbs, along with several bags of leaves, weeds and garbage.

"In these tough economic times, the Department of Parks and Recreation is so fortunate to have such community support with volunteers stepping forward every weekend to help maintain our park system," said Dave Mitchell, operations manager, Department of Parks and Recreation. "This past weekend, the Pocket-Greenhaven community took it upon themselves to organize 60 volunteers to weed, trim low hanging trees, and clean fence lines in an area of the park system that the regular crews have not had the time to be able to maintain like we used to in the past. Working together with the community has made a huge difference in the way our parks look and feel."

The Pocket-Greenhaven Canal is a key part of the area, but it has been damaged by littering and graffiti on occasion. Resident Adam Shoppe uses the canal path for running for many years and was happy to take part in the cleanup event.



"There are a lot of problems with litter and overhanging trees and bushes, so I'm just happy to do my bit," he said. "I'm retired now, so I had the time on my hands."

## Youth take part in clean-up

More than 50 high school volunteers from C.K. McClatchy, John F. Kennedy, St. Francis and Met High School were out canvassing the area, picking up trash and litter. Several earned community service hours for participating in the clean-up activities.

"It's great to have young people involved in this," said Chad Sweitzer, principal at J.F. Kennedy High School. "Today, kids are more aware of the importance of taking care of their community and becoming leaders in their community. It helps reinforce the idea that it's wrong to litter, and it helps students learn that when they're out picking up other people's litter."



## Ruffling some feathers

Some residents came out not to pick up trash and falling tree limbs, but rather monitor the volunteers to make sure they were not disturbing the wildlife near the canal.

"We had some calls prior to the event asking if we'd postpone the cleanup for a later time because they were worried we'd disturb the duck nesting," said Mercado. "Before everyone started, we gave the volunteer groups warnings and tips about keeping a five-foot clearance from any native bird species. Throughout the three hours we were out there we only saw one mama duck in her nest."

The City plans to have a couple more clean-up days throughout the summer, concentrating more on trash pick-up in the canal itself.

"We had calls from neighbors saying there are couches, bikes, and furniture in the water. Councilman Fong plans to bring a barge out later this year to address those issues," said Mercado. "This is a community-wide effort. This weekend's effort just shows how a little bit of work makes a difference when people come together."



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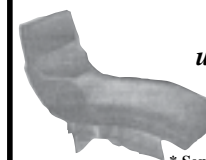
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### Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

### Food Addicts Anonymous

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

### Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

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### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

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### Ballroom Dances

May 4, 11, 18, 25: Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

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### Soroptimists of Sacramento

May 4, 11, 18, 25: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

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### Community Sunday breakfast

May 6, 13, 20, 27: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

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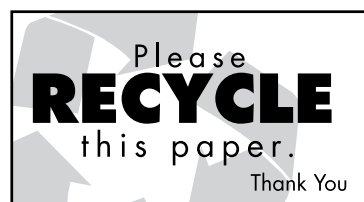
Special to Pocket News

The Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven will host a community blood drive on May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A BloodSource bus will be parked at the Pacific Business Center, located at 1104 Corporate Way in Sacramento.

"To meet the daily demand for blood, BloodSource must collect an average of 700 pints each day. More than half of that comes from community-sponsored drives, and the Pocket Greenhaven club is proud to participate," said Keiko Wong, the Club's President. The Club's goal is to raise 40 pints of blood on the day of the event.

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# Canal: Neighbors keep watch over bird nesting

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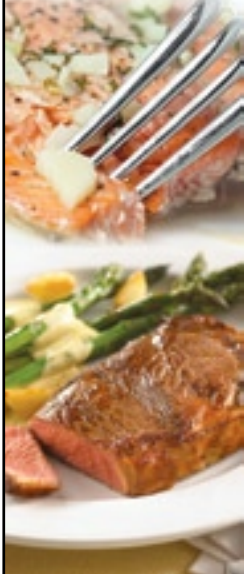
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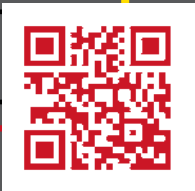
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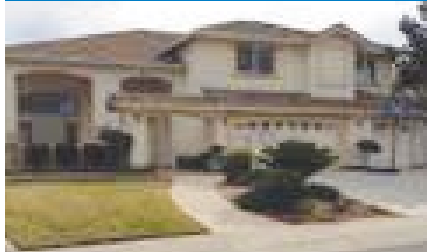
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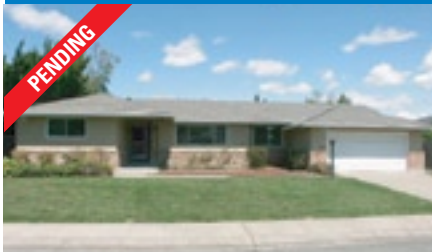
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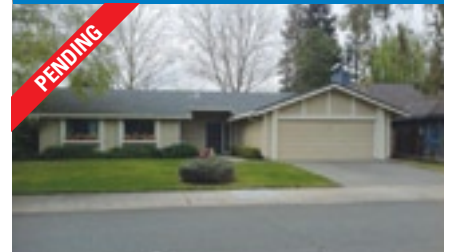
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